

# Extraction optimization of Nutritional Composition from Marine Macroalgae (*Ulva lactuca*) as Cosmeceutical Agent

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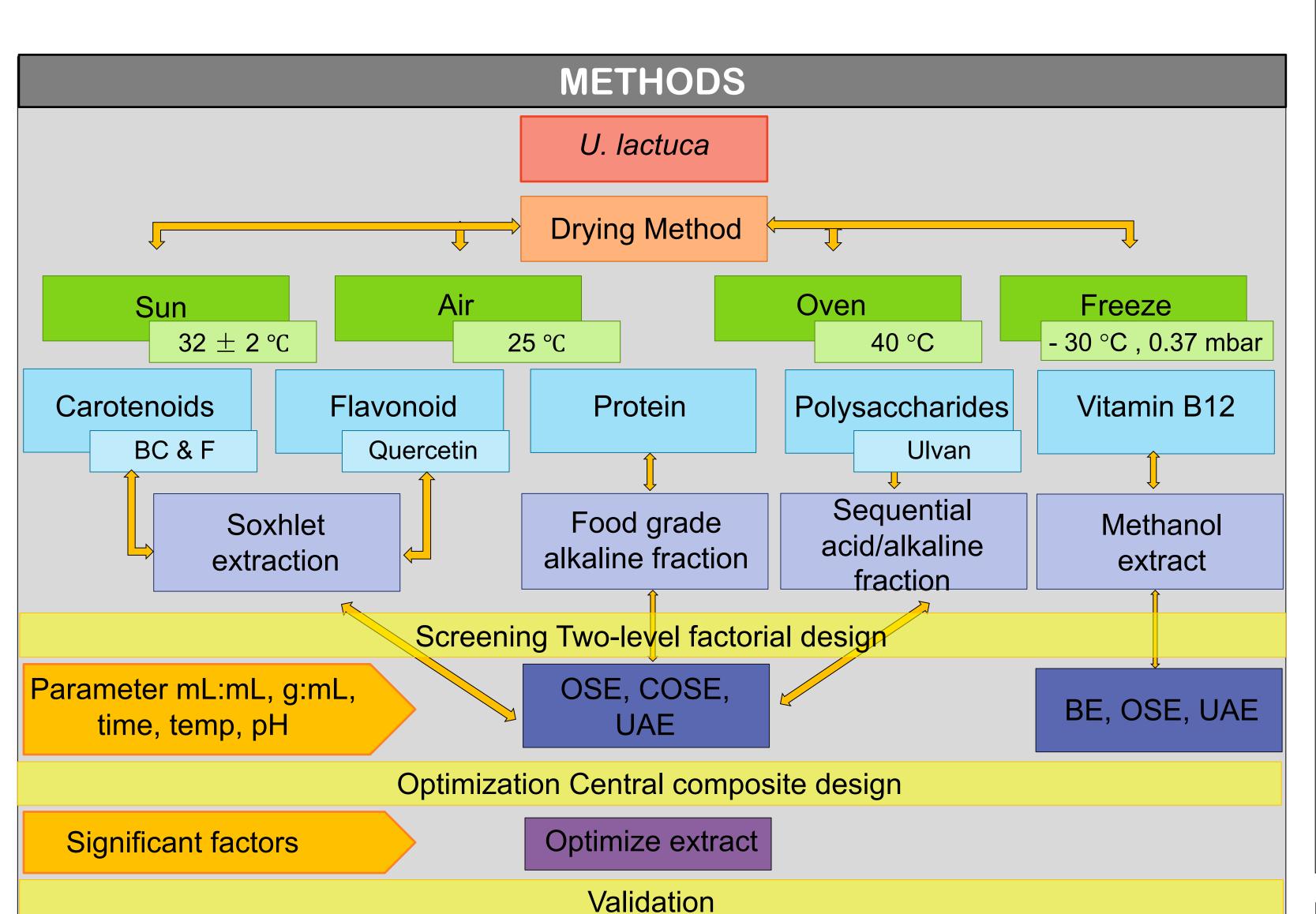
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## **ABSTRACT**

The ideal extraction method of bioactive compounds from *Ulva lactuca* was developed and optimised to achieve the maximum yield of the compounds. *U. lactuca* was investigated for their vitamin B12 content, carotenoids (β-carotene and fucoxanthin), flavonoid (quercetin), protein and amino acid profiles, and polysaccharides (ulvan). The effects of several extraction parameters, including the solvent-to-solvent ratio, solute-to-solvent ratio, pH, duration of extraction and extraction temperature on the total bioactive compounds of interest content, were analysed through a Two-level Factorial and Central Composite Designs. Other pre-treatment of drying methods (sun-dry, airdry, oven-dry and freeze-dry) were applied during the extraction process. Results showed that *U. lactuca* extract was characterised by a high content of ulvan (32.0 %), followed by proteins (27.3 %), carotenoids, flavonoid and vitamin B12. The polysaccharides of ulvan contain L-rhamnose, xylose and glucose. The proteinic fraction analysis indicated the presence of essential amino acids, which represent 42.0% of the total amino acids. The carotenoids profile was represented by β-carotene, which about 16.0 % of the total carotenoid content, followed by fucoxanthin (11.0 %). Data analysis resulted in optimal extraction condition were noted as per discussed.

## BACKGROUND

Ulva lactuca is a macroalgae and belongs to the phylum *Chlorophyta*. It involved in devastating green tides observed worldwide. These green tides or blooms are a consequence of human activities. Ulva blooms occur mainly in shallow waters and the decomposition of this algae can produce dangerous vapors. *U. lactuca* can rapidly proliferate by covering the water surface, decreasing the biodiversity even for other algae species. It is a polymorphic species with morphologies dependent on the degree of water salinity or symbiosis with bacteria. No efficient ways have been discovered to control these green tides. Interestingly, Ulva contains commercially valuable components susceptible of being exploited for cosmetic, pharmaceutical, chemical, food and energy applications and this study provides a background on products that might be obtained from *U. lactuca*, as well as the suitable extraction methods and optimized parameters that can be used to date.



RESULTS AND DATA

#### Concentration **Extraction** Solute: **Primary metabolites (%) Temperature Duration** Solvent ratio mg/g (g/mL) 0.0512 0.0549 5.491 0.0529 5.2894 0.0686 0.0692 Protein, 27.3 Ulvan, 32 0.068 6.7995 0.0726 0.0754 0.0773 8.0816 0.0808 120 0.0873 8.3867 0.0839 0.0311 0.0338 3.3823 3.0748 0.0307 0.0399 3.9901 0.0415 4.0963 0.041 Secondary metabolites (mg/g) 0.0416 4.1587 0.0434 4.3409 4.3637 0.0436 0.0589 5.8901 0.057 Vit B12, 0.03<mark>5</mark> 0.0585 5.8468 6.3071 0.0631 Q, 0.0984 BC, 0.1731 0.0726 7.2548 0.0982 0.1242 12.4148 F, 0.1073 0.1013 10.1336 0.0714 7.1413

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#### DISCUSSION Analysis of variance (ANOVA) for optimised β-carotene content from *U. lactuca* extract. Sum of Squares Source < 0.0001 significant Model 0.1807 0.0201 430.37 **A-Solute: Solvent** 0.0042 < 0.0001 0.0042 0.0080 < 0.0001 0.0080 171.61 435.82 **C-Temperature** 0.0203 0.0203 < 0.0001 0.2336 0.0000 0.0000 0.6329 0.8187 0.3739 0.0000 0.0000 0.1302 6.075E-06 6.075E-06 0.7211 0.0510 0.0510 1094.04 < 0.0001 0.0130 278.50 < 0.0001 0.0130 663.32 < 0.0001 0.0310 0.0310 Residual 0.0012 0.0000 Lack of Fit 0.0002 significant 0.0008 0.0002 8.22 **Pure Error** 0.0004 0.0000 **Cor Total** 0.1819 Conc. of Beta Carotene (mg/g) Concentration of Beta Carotene (mg/g) Design-Expert® Software Prediction 0.0961333 110 ncentration of Beta Carotene (mg/g) 0.103 100 — X2 = B: Time Temperature = 31.5233 : Temperature = 30 50 — A: Solute: solvent ratio (g/mL) A: Solute: Solvent Ratio (g/ml) Design-Expert® Software Design-Expert® Software Factor Coding: Actual Factor Coding: Actual 1 = A: Solute: Solvent Ratio 2 = B: Time Temperature = 31.5233 C: Temperature = 30 <sup>20</sup> A: Solute: Solvent Ratio (g/ml A: Solute: solvent ratio (g/ml

Surface response for the desirability and concentration of β-carotene recovered as a function of (a) AB interaction in contour plot and (b) AB interaction in the 3D surface plot.

## CONCLUSION

Optimal factors predicted by Central Composite Design

	Α	В	С	D	Е
β-carotene	-	1:31	84 min	32	-
Fucoxanthin	-	1:52	87 min	34	-
Quercetin	-	1:52	84 min	34	-
Vit B12	25:75 MeOH: H <sub>2</sub> O	-	-	-	4
Protein	-	1:25	3 h	75	-
Ulvan	-	-	2 h	85	2.5
A: solvent:sovent ratio (mL:mL)			D: Tempera	nture (°C )	

E: pH



U. lactuca

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■BC ■F ■Q ■Vit B12







B: solute:solvent ratio (g:mL)

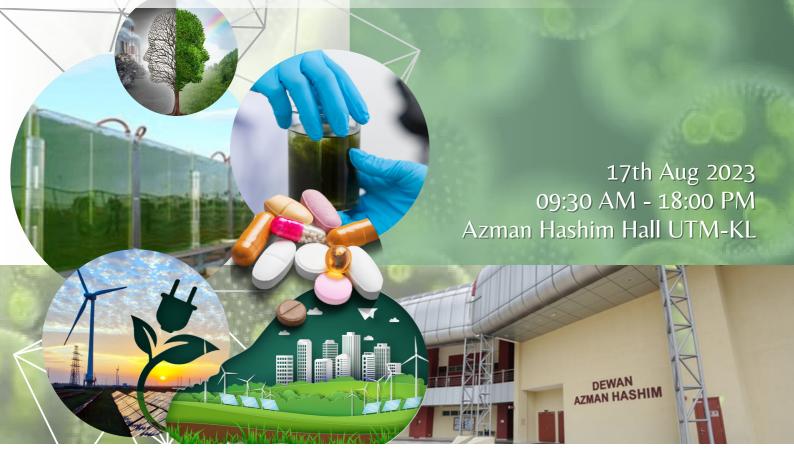
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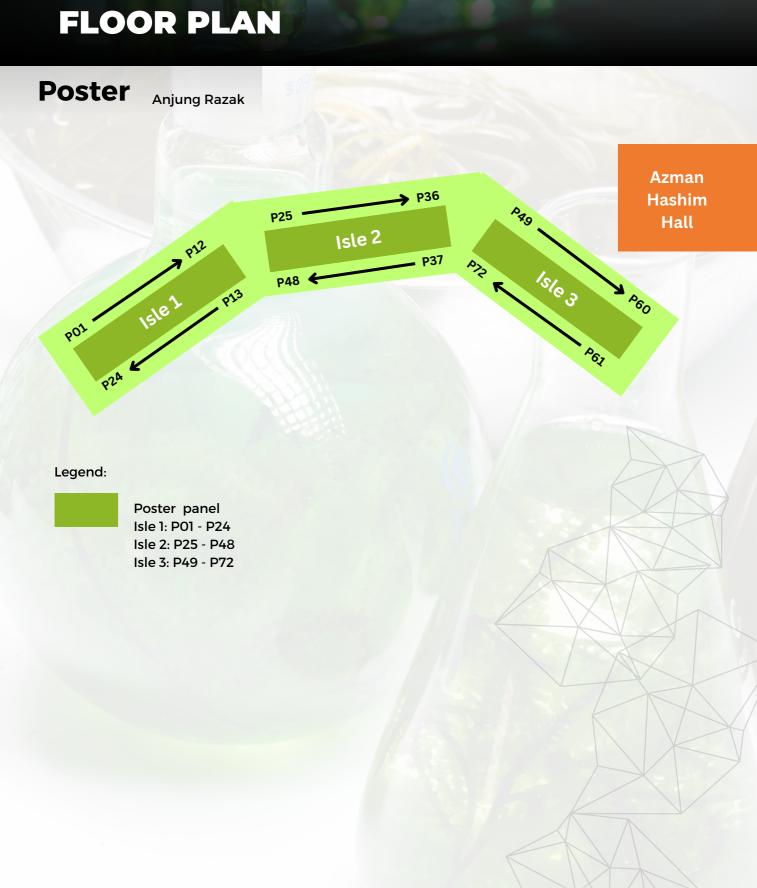




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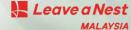


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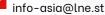


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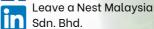
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